

Application No. 10/660,836
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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (currently amended) A computing system, comprising:
 - a docking station having a base and a carrier attached to the base; and
 - an electronic display removably connectable to the carrier and comprising a front surface with a screen and a back surface with a support mechanism moveable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the support mechanism comprises a movable foot and a fixed resilient bumper to elevate one side of the display in the open position and absorb shock in the closed position, wherein the bumper abuts against the foot in the open position to absorb force transmitted from the foot to the bumper.
2. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein the back surface comprises a recess adapted to receive the foot in the closed position.
3. (original) The computing system of claim 2 wherein the foot is flush with the back surface in the closed position.
4. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein the foot comprises one end pivotally connected to the display such that the foot is adapted to rotate and extend downwardly from the back surface and provide a support for the display in the open position.
5. (currently amended) The computing system of claim 1 wherein the bumper prevents rotation of the foot.
6. (canceled)
7. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein the bumper is separated from and adjacent to the foot.

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8. (currently amended) A portable computer, comprising:
a base having a central processing unit and memory;
a display electrically coupled to the base; and
a support mechanism connected to the base and comprising a resilient bumper separated from and adjacent to a foot moveable between open and closed positions, wherein the foot supports the base in the open position, and wherein the bumper absorbs shock from the foot.
9. (previously presented) The portable computer of claim 8 wherein the bumper is affixed to a bottom surface of the base and compresses when the foot exerts force against the bumper.
10. (previously presented) The portable computer of claim 8 wherein the bumper provides a stop mechanism for rotation of the foot.
11. (canceled)
12. (original) The portable computer of claim 8 wherein the support mechanism provides tactile feedback to a user to alert the user of potential breakage of the foot.
13. (previously presented) A method, comprising:
elevating one side of a computer above a support surface with a support mechanism while an opposite side of the computer rests against the support surface; and
transmitting force applied to the computer from a movable foot to a fixed resilient bumper to prevent the support mechanism from breaking.
14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the bumper is fixed to a bottom surface of the computer while the foot moves from open to closed positions.

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15. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the support mechanism provides a user with tactile feedback to indicate potential damage to the support mechanism.

16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein providing a user with tactile feedback further comprises providing detectable movement of the support mechanism.

17. (original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

pivotaly moving the support mechanism from a closed position to an open position;

resiliently stopping movement of the support mechanism before the support mechanism is damaged.

18. (currently amended) A computer, comprising:

a display with a processor, memory, screen on a front surface, and support mechanism on a back surface, wherein the support mechanism comprises a means for elevating one side of the display from a support surface while an opposite side of the display remains against the support surface and a means for absorbing force transmitted to the ~~means for elevating display~~, wherein the means for absorbing is fixed to the back surface and separated from the means for elevating.

19. (currently amended) The computing system of claim 18 wherein the means for absorbing force prevents damage to the means for elevating when force is transmitted to the display.

20. (original) The computing system of claim 18 wherein the means for elevating is rotationally moveable between a closed position being flush with the display and an open position being extended from the display.